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Anti India Propaganda by some Bangladesh News Papers

6846. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of certain anti-India propaganda being carried out by some Bangladesh news papers for the last few years; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government at the diplomatic level in this regard?

THE MINITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIR (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRD): (a) Government are aware that some newspaper articles and reports in Bangladesh do not reflect an adequate understanding of developments in india.

(b) Our High Commission in Dhaka keeps in constant touch with various newspapers and opinion makers in Bangladesh and regularly brief them on various developments in India and on matters having a bearing on Indo-Bangladesh relations. With the advent of a democratic Government in Bangladesh we are hopeful that the traditionally friendly relations between our two countries will improve further. Increased contracts, both at the official and private levels, will promote mutual understanding and result in better appreciation of each other's concerns.

Expansion of Telephone Exchange in Himachal Pradesh

6847. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the capacity of the Telephone Exchanges at Hamirpur, Una and Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as under;

Hamirpur. The existing telephone exchange has been planned to be replaced by a main electronic exchange of 1500 lines during 1993-94.

Una and Bilaspur. The exiting telephone exchanges have ben planned for expansion during 1992-93 by adding one unit of 512 port electronic exchange at each station.

Compensation to Farmers for Acquisition of Land

6848. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide adequate compensation to the farmers whose lands are acquired by the Government institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected